



## 2026 City-County Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award



### Information Sheet

**\*\*Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 City-County Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards\*\***

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award is presented annually to the person or persons who have demonstrated leadership and volunteerism while making significant contributions in the areas of:

***Promoting peace, Understanding, and Improving communication & cooperation between diverse populations in Dane County.***

Recipients of these prestigious community awards will be announced at the City-County Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday, January 19, 2026.

#### **Emerging Leaders (13-25) Criteria:**

1. Young adults who have demonstrated the principles of Dr. King for at least three years;
2. Have shown visible and continuing leadership in one or more of the following areas: education, religion, civil rights, community or civic services;
3. Have not previously received this award;
4. Currently not a member of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission.

#### **Humanitarian Criteria:**

1. Adults actively identified with the Dane County area for at least five years;
2. Have shown visible and continuing leadership in one or more of the following areas: education, religion, civil rights, politics, community or civic services;
3. Have not previously received this award;
4. Currently not a member of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission;
5. Run for Office;
6. County or City employee.

Members of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission will independently rank the nominees. Results will be compared and award recipients will be chosen collectively by Commission members.

Applications can be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email: [humanitarianawardcommission@cityofmadison.com](mailto:humanitarianawardcommission@cityofmadison.com)  
Fax: (608) 266-6514  
Mail: City of Madison Department of Civil Rights  
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 523  
Madison, WI 53703

**NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:30 P.M. ON DECEMBER 5, 2025**  
**[We encourage groups of people to sign on to one nomination]**